REMARKS

Amendments

Amendments to the Claims

Applicant has amended the claims to clarify that the claimed invention operates on a content description, not on the corresponding content. As defined in the background section of the Specification, MPEG-7 describes content using descriptors (Ds) and description schemes (DSs). A content description containing the Ds and DSs for a particular piece of content are transmitted to a client so that the client can manipulate the corresponding content.

Applicant has also amended the claims to indicate that a transform document in formats other than XSLT can be used with the claimed invention. The amendment is supported at paragraph 30.

Therefore, no new matter has been added by these amendments.

Rejections

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-5, 7-14 and 16-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over the combination of U.S. Patent 6,564,263 to Bergman et al. and U.S. Patent 6,966,027 to Krasinski et al. Bergman and Krasinski qualify as prior art only under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) because they issued after Applicant's filing date. Applicant does not admit that the references are prior art, and reserves the right to swear behind either reference at a later date.

Bergman discloses translating multimedia content between modalities and fidelities to fit specific client applications.

Krasinski discloses encoding an XML as a collection of sub-trees to allow decoding before the entire XML document is received at a client.

Neither Bergman nor Krasinski teach or suggest, *intra alia,* Applicant's claimed limitations:

1) a client that receives a binary communication corresponding to a content description in an application description language (ADL), where the ADL is a subset of MPEG-7 data description language (DDL);

2) a client that translates the binary communication back into the content description;

3) a client that generates a decoding codebook from a transform document and a frequency table, where

    a) the transform document translates MPEG-7 DDL into the ADL;

    b) the frequency table specifies occurrences for ADL elements within the content description;

4) a server that translates a content description in MPEG-7 DDL into the content description in the ADL; or

5) a server that translates the content description in the ADL into the binary communication.

Therefore, the combination of Bergman and Krasinski cannot render obvious Applicant's invention as claimed in claims 1-5, 7-14 and 16-28, and Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over the combination.

SUMMARY

Claims 1-5, 7-14 and 16-28 are currently pending. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims.

If the Examiner determines the prompt allowance of these claims could be facilitated by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact Sue Holloway at (408) 720-8300 x309.
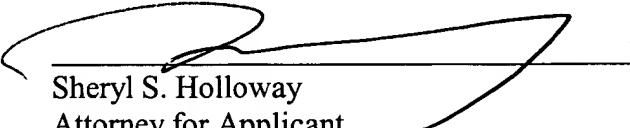
Deposit Account Authorization

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then Applicant hereby requests such extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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